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DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

May 6, 2004

FISH & RICHARDSON P.C.
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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to deny your refund request in the amount of \$86.00, for patent/serial number 10080823.

Because of the admendment you added 2 new Independent claims. This brings your total to 4 minus the 3 allowed and we charged you for one.

Sincerely,

ELEANOR KURTZ
Technical Center Others
Refund Branch, Office of Finance



Attorney's Docket No.: 10417-120001 / F51-143214M/SW *DEP & REF*
Room # 307

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yoshinori Hino et al. Art Unit : 2825
Serial No. : 10/080,823 Examiner : Phallaka Kik
Filed : February 21, 2002
Title : PATTERN LAYOUT METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

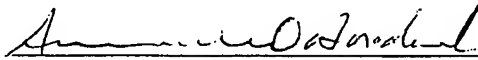
On or about October 29, 2003, Applicants filed a Reply to Action of August 01, 2003 in which no fees were due.

On November 10, 2003, a fee in the amount of \$86 was charged to Fish & Richardson's Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Accordingly, the charge to Deposit Account No. 06-1050 was improper, as all fees had previously been satisfied. Applicants respectfully request that the overcharge amount of \$86.00 be refunded to Fish & Richardson's Deposit Account No. 06-1050 as a credit.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Jan. 7, 2004


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